

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses public airwaves free of charge, and is supposed in return to serve the public with its programming. Sinclair's directive that its stations air a program attacking Kerry's honor as a veteran so close to our national elections is wholly at odds with that responsibility. We need media outlets that will air substantive news programs about issues that affect our communities; we do not need more partisan slander.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.